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## Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Margaret Williamson Hospital

The Medical work of the Woman's Union Missionary Society began in Shanghai in 1884, and pending the building of our Hospital, a Dispensary was opened.



REAR OF MARGARET WILLIAMSON HOSPITAL, SHANGHAI, CHINA

The completion of the Maternity building attached to our Hospital in Shanghai, China, was a principal feature in the twenty-fifth celebration of the Margaret Williamson Hospital.

A local paper, the *North-China Daily News*, gave this graphic picture. "June 4, 1910, was a gala day for the Margaret Williamson Hospital, of the Woman's Union Mission, at the West Gate, on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary. The beautiful lawn, with its trees and flowering shrubs, presented a gay appearance. At one end of the lawn a platform had been erected, and was decorated with plants, flowers and vari-colored silks, and the Stars and Stripes and Dragon Flag. In front were arranged rows of seats, above which extended long broad bands of red, purple, blue, green and orange silk, while suspended on ropes were banners, pendants and lanterns.

"The most interesting sight was the presence of five or six hundred women, and about two hundred babies, of all ages, from three weeks old and up. Each of these wore a badge denoting that it owed allegiance to the Hospital.

"A number of noted Chinese and foreigners were present, and a Chinese band furnished music while the guests were assembling, and at intervals during the programme. A song of welcome was rendered by the pupils of the Bridgman School, followed by a prayer by Pastor Day, of St. John's College, and the singing of a hymn by all present.

"Dr. Reifsnyder, in addressing the audience, said that the gathering celebrated the opening of the Hospital in 1885, of which Mrs. Margaret Williamson, of the United States, had been the original donor. Later Dr. S. Wells Williams gave a Pavilion called by his name.

"The Maternity building just finished was due to Miss Stevens of New Jersey, who gave more than half the funds required.

"Dr. Reifsnyder laid special emphasis on the good done by the principal Bible woman, Mrs. Day, mother of Pastor Day of St. John's



STEVENS MATERNITY, SHANGHAI, CHINA

College, who was with her when she opened the Margaret Williamson Hospital twenty-five years before. Mrs. Day had devoted herself in every way to the work in attending to the wants of the patients, or in teaching and preaching to them."



REAR OF WELLS WILLIAMS PAVILION

*"Eight hundred thousand patients* have been treated in the Hospital since its foundation. Last year there were 820 in-patients, and 56,700 out-patients."

Dr. Reifsnnyder acknowledged with pleasure the generosity shown by the Chinese toward the Hospital.

"Several private patients have left the Hospital cured,

one the wife of an official of rank, who spoke excellent English, said if at any time he could do anything for us he would be only too happy to do so, and that he knew quite a number of officials who might be able to help us.

"Recently a most interesting service was held in the waiting room of the Hospital, when our regular morning prayers were turned into a Baptismal service for one of our patients and her husband. The woman was not able to go to our Van Santvoord Chapel, so the pastor came here, and I was glad to have all present see these witnesses for our Saviour."

Dr. Reifsnyder describes the Maternity as a "three-storied brick building with one Ward on each floor, windows west and south.

"Private rooms are also on each floor.

"The building is as plain as possible, but good, and with windows on all four sides, as we need plenty of light and air. The first bed to be endowed here was in memory of one who had been a lifelong friend of the Hospital, Mrs. K. W. Chang. Her husband and brothers, earnest Christians, were anxious to have her thus remembered. Three more endowed beds came from an old patient, and another patient gave a beautiful clock for the Maternity. Much more might be said, but this building will speak for itself in the years to come, and 'To God be the glory.'"

A work which has reached hundreds of thousands with healing for the body and inspiration for the soul, has necessarily been costly, but it has proved an object lesson of priceless value. Although often large sums from time to time have come from Chinese donors, much must be realized from America to keep up its standard of efficiency.

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